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I am writting to experss my opinion on the upcoming anti trust settlement between the Justice Department (DoJ) and Microsoft Corporation (MS).

It has become known to me that through clever wording on the part of MS in the settlement aggreement may lead to the removal of the rights expressed in the agreement from the Open Source world.

Since MS was found guilty of leveraging there dominant market position the settlement should be a punishment to them.

In the current market the biggest and growing threat to MS buisness is from the Open Source world with GNU/Linux, Apache, Sendmail, BIND and PERL running most of the internet, MS's latest target. By allowing MS to discriminate against such not-for-profit concerns, they could emerge from the anti-trust proceedings with the tools needed to crush thier biggest competetor, with the full backing of the DoJ.

This could only lead to the strenthening of there monopoly and is counter to the spirit the settlement should be received in.

I hope the DoJ have the foresight to realise this before it is too late and MS not only get away with they have already been found guilty of, but come out of these proceedings in a stronger position.

This result can only harm consumers.

Thank you.  
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